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From across Mission Lake, the Circle of Life School is shown in April.

Circle of Life Replacement School Settles on the Shores of Mission Lake

The White Earth Nation contributed to the cost of the 56,000 square foot school's construction.

The K-12 Circle of Life replacement school on the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota opened with an August ceremony. The 56,000 square foot school was built on the northern bank of Mission Lake. The school for 96 students is located on an 8.4 acre site, where a old mission school had been located. The replacement school was authorized by OFMC for 44,000 square feet, but the White Earth Nation arranged funding for additional square footage. The OFMC Project Manager was Andy Robinson, a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.



Prior to the August opening ceremony, OFMC Project Manager Andy Robinson examines the optical illusion in the design on the gymnasium wall at the Circle of Life replacement school in Minnesota. From a distance the colored bricks seems to curve, though they are placed in the customary manner.



A school hallway.



The gymnasium includes a climbing wall.



Classrooms face Mission Lake.



The front entrance.